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SUBJ: RELOCATION OF USIS DACCA

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- 1. IN WAKE OF REFTEL, I WILL NEED DEPARTMENT'S RATIONALE FOR USE WITH BD MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO EXPLAIN WHY USG IS DISREGARDING BDG'S REPEATED ADVICE TO RELOCATE USIS DACCA.
- 2. WISH TO REGISTER MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL MISGIVINGS ABOUT "PURPOSE OF EVASION" ASPECT OF REFTEL INSTRUCTION TO SEEK RIGHT TO TERMINATE LEASE "IN EVENT HOST GOVERNMENT REQUESTS LESSEE VACATE PREMISES". WE CANNOT HONORABLY INVOKE SUCH A RIGHT UNLESS BDG MAKES A MORE FORMAL REQUEST THAN THEY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN DISPOSED TO MAKE. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH IS A REPEATED "SUGGESTION" BY BDG THAT WE RELOCATE. BDG UNLIKELY EVER TO MAKE THAT SUGGESTION ANY MORE CATEGORIC. (RECALL THE VAGARY OF "NON-SUGGESTION" DURING BOB CARLE AFFAIR).
- 3. EVEN SO, EMBASSY'S RELATION WITH MFA IN LIGHT OF REFTEL IS AMBIGUOUS TO SAY THE LEAST. I CONSIDER THAT WE HAD TACITLY ACCEPTED BDG "SUGGESTION" TO RELOCATE AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT BDG THINKS WE ACCEPTED IT. FOR US NOW TO ENTER INTO NEW THREE YEAR LEASE OF TOPKHANA ROAD PROPERTY WITH RIGHT TO TERMINATE AS OER REFTEL SUGGESTS THAT USG WILL UNILATERALLY DETERMINE WHEN BDG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUGGESTION BECOMES OPERATIVE.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY WISH ME NOW TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON BDG TO ASSIST US IN FINDING SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE (STATE 132766 PARA 2). NEWBERRY

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